

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. By this reply, claims 8-20 have been added. Claims 1 and 13 are independent claims.

The specification has been amended to correct minor informalities and to clarify the invention according to U.S. practice. These modifications do not add any new matter to the disclosure.

**Corrected Formal Drawings**

Attached hereto is one replacement sheet of correct formal drawings depicting Fig. 3. Fig. 3 has been amended to clarify the invention. Particularly, "yes" has been added to step S33 in Fig. 3. The Examiner's approval of the replacement sheet is requested.

**35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection**

Claims 1-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim (U.S. Patent No. 6,133,911). This rejection, insofar as it pertains to the presently pending claims, is respectfully traversed.

As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, Kim is directed to a method of selecting different menus 11, 12, 13 displayed on a picture screen 10 by using a pointing device 20. The pointing device 20 is interfaced with a television receiver 40 through a pointing interface device 30. When a user selects one of the menus 11, 12, 13 using the pointing device 20, the pointer interface device 30 converts

the commands from the pointing device 20 into output signals which indicate various characteristics such as the coordinates of the cursor 14, etc. Such output signals are received and processed by the television receiver 40.

However, it is unclear how the Examiner is equating the elements of Kim to Applicants' claimed elements. For example, it is unclear which component of Kim is equated to Applicants' external device and audio/video apparatus as recited in independent claims 1. If the Examiner is equating the pointing interface device 30 and the television receiver 40 of Kim to Applicants' external device and audio/video apparatus, respectively, Kim does not teach or suggest, *inter alia*, "displaying . . . a main menu image including menu items for selecting functions or operations of said external device and menu items for obtaining a detailed menu of said external device" as recited in independent claim 1. In Kim, the menu items for selecting functions or operations of the television receiver 40 (audio/video apparatus) and not of the external device (pointing interface device 30) are displayed.

On the other hand, if the Examiner is equating Kim's pointing interface device 30 and television receiver 40 to Applicants' audio/video apparatus and external device, respectively, Kim certainly does not disclose or render obvious, *inter alia*, "displaying, on the displaying unit of said audio/video apparatus, a main menu image including menu items" as recited in independent claim 1. In Kim, the menu items are displayed on the television/television receiver 40 (external device) and not on the pointing interface device 30 (audio/video

apparatus). In fact, Kim's pointing interface device 30 does not have a display unit.

Accordingly, independent claim 1 and its dependent claims (due to its dependency) are patentable over the applied reference, and the rejection should be withdrawn.

### **New Claims**

Dependent claims 8-12 further define the invention as recited in independent claim 1 and are thus allowable at least for the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable as discussed above. Apparatus claims 13-20 correspond to certain method claims, and are allowable as containing similar subject matter as the corresponding method claims.

### **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons and in view of the above clarifying amendments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw all of the objections and rejections of record, and earnestly solicit an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Should there be any matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong (Registration No. 40,953) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to

conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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